(b) whether Government are aware of the ongoing movement of Tehri dam affected people for fixing a date for family determination and the due compensation etc.; and

(c) if so, the main demands of the movement along with the details of the steps being taken to meet the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) All 5291 urban families who will be affected on account of Tehri Dam have been offered rehabilitation benefits. Out of 5429 rural families who will be fully affected 4206 rural families have so far been rehabilitated through allotment of land/cash compensation.

36 families were to be displaced on account of Dhauli Ganga Project. 34 families preferred to resettle on their own and, therefore, have been paid cash compensation. 2 families are being rehabilitated by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation to their satisfaction.

(b) and (c) The Rehabilitation Policy for Tehri Dam oustees originally evolved by Government of Uttar Pradesh has been further improved from time to time. Consequent upon the decision of Central Government on the recommendations of Hanumantha Rao Committee (HRC) in December 1998, the rehabilitation package for Project Affected Persons was further improved with financial implication of Rs. 266.42 crores. Thereafter, on the request of the Government of Uttaranchal, who are now handling the rehabilitation and resettlement of the population affected by Tehri Project, the Government of India sanctioned additional package of rehabilitation measures costing Rs. 144.59 crores. The cost of R&R as per Revised Cost Estimates has thus increased to Rs. 982.94 crores.

Programme for rural electrification

1129. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme and programme for development of rural electrification in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount being provided for implementation of the above scheme during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) During 2002-03, Government have introduced a Scheme of Interest Subsidy under the Accelerated Rural Electrification Programme (AREP) for the electrification of un-electrified villages, hamlets, dalit bastis & tribal villages. The salient features of the Scheme are as under:

— the assistance under AREP will be available for electrification by conventional and non-conventional sources of energy.

— the interest subsidy under the Scheme is 4%.

— Interest subsidy under the AREP Scheme will be provided to State Governments/Power Utilities on loan availed by it from any financial institutions like Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), Power Finance Corporation (PFC), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), National Agricultural Bank and Rural Development (NABARD) for carrying out rural electrification programmes which help to achieve national objectives of the Government for complete electrification of villages by 2007 and coverage of all households by 2012.

— Funds would be provided under the scheme on the basis of Net Present Value (NPV) of the interest subsidies applicable on disbursement under Accelerated Rural Electrification Programme (AREP).

(c) An allocation of Rs. 563.87 crores has been made in the Tenth Five Year Plan under the scheme.

Besides, Government provides financial assistance to States under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) and Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) for rural electrification. During the year 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 363 crores and Rs. 600 crores were released under PMGY and MNP respectively. For the year 2003-04, an allocation of Rs. 2767 crores and Rs. 600 crores has been made for all the six components of PMGY and MNP respectively. In addition, Rs. 98.79 crores was released as grant to States under Kutir Jyoti Programme during the year 2002-03. Under Kutir Jyoti Scheme, an allocation of Rs. 100 crore has been made for the year 2003-04.